

Col.2:3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

JESUS CHRIST THE KEY TO ALL WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE.

Intro:

1. The advance in knowledge since X lived.
2. a/ the influence of the comparative-analytical method. sciences.
b/ the Psychology and Science of Religion.
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2. A broad and all-inclusive view of things needed.

"Far must thy researches go
Would'st thou learn the world to know;
Thou must tempt the dark abyss
Would'st thou prove what being is;
Naught but firmness gains the prize,
Naught but fulness makes us wise,
Buried deep Truth e'er lies."

Schiller.

I. Man as the Interpreter and Interpretation of Nature.

I. Man's effort to understand and explain Nature.

"From Nature's constant or eccentric laws,
The thoughtful soul this general inference draws,
That an effect must presuppose a cause;
And, while she does her upward flight sustain,
Touching each link of the continued chain,
At length she is obliged and forced to see
A First, a Source, a Life, a Deity;
Which has forever been, and must forever be."

--Prior.

2.

I.2. In Man is found the key to Nature.

"Man is a piece of the universe made alive". Emerson.

"We are the miracle of miracles, the great unscrutable mystery of God."
--Carlyle.

II. Religion as the Interpreter and the Interpretation of Man.

III. Xty as the Interpreter and Interpretation of Religion. (order.

Self II. The power in the world that makes law and
IV. Jesus Christ as the Interpreter and Interpretation of Xty.

Xty not an ecclesiastical system, not a system of doctrine, not a mass of creed, but a LIFE and a CHARACTER.

V. God as the Interpreter and Interpretation of Christ.

X perfectly represents the character of God.

CONCLUSION: The completed circle of wisdom and understanding.

"The blue, deep glorious heavens! I lift mine eye

And bless thee, O my God, that I have met
And owned thine image in the majesty
Of their calm temple still! that never yet
There hath thy face been shrouded from my sight
By noontide blaze, or sweeping storm of night."

Mrs. Hemans.

3.

"All are parts of one stupendous whole,
Whose body Nature is, and God the soul."
--Pope

"One God, one law, one element,
And one far-off divine event,
To which the whole creation moves."
--Tennyson.